define a small company for the purposes of the Companies Act; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c). Sachar Committee had recommended that private companies be further classified into small private companies having a paid-up capital of not exceeding Rs. 5 lakhs and such companies be eligible for further exemptions and privileges. Similar suggestions have been received from other quarters. The Government is not in favour of such a classification. However, the Government is considering certain additional exemptions/ privileges for all private companies.

[*Translation*]

Road between Hanumangarh and Suratgarh

3690. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the road between Hanumangarh and Suratgarh was under the control of General Reserve Engineering Force;

(b) whether the road has been handed over to the Public Works Department of Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is heavy military traffic between Hanumangarh and Suratgarh;

(e) if so, whether there is any proposal to hand over this road back to General Reserve Engineering Force; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir, as it is not of operational significance to Army.

(d) The density of civil traffic on this road is much more than that of military traffic.

(e) and (f). Do not arise.

Issue of Licences for Poppy Cultivation in Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh

3691. SHRI RAM SAGAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

(a) the number of licences for poppy cultivation issued in Barabanki (U.P.) during each of the last three years; and

(b) the total number of such licenses issued there during the current year so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Number of licences for poppy cultivation issued in Barabanki (U.P.), Divisions I and II, during each of the last 3 years are as follows:

Year	*Number of Licences*
1988-89	10512
1989-90	8571
1990-91	9541

(b) Total number of licenses issued in Barabanki Divisions I & II during the current year (upto 9.12.1991) are 9019.

[*English*]

Current Account Deficit

3692. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the current account deficit for 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) the reasons for sharp rise in the current account deficit for the year 1990-91;

(c) the amount of capital account and borrowings from IMF during 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(d) the amount of net invisible receipts for 1989-90 and 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d). The sharp rise in the current account deficit during 1990-91 was the result of a combination of adverse factors which include deceleration in export growth as a result of recessionary conditions in the industrialised countries and the economic disruption in the Eastern Europe; the Gulf cnsis which set-in in August 1990 leading to a sharp escalation in POL import bill, partial loss of export markets in West Asia and foreign exchange expenditure incurred in repatriation of Indian workers from the affected zone in the West Asia and; uncertain and disturbed situation in the domestic polity during most of the 1990-91 which resulted in a sharp fall in invisible receipts in the form of private remittances, travel and tourism etc. The current account deficit, net invisible receipts, capital account (net) and net borrowings from the IMF during 1989-90 and 1990-91 were as indicated in the Table below:

(Rs. crores)

	1989-90	*1990-91*
Current account (net)	-10391	-13088
Invisibles* (net)	2541	2054
Capital Account (net)	10341	8617
IMF (net)	1-460	2178

* includes official transfer (net)

Letting Out of Units and Sections of Ordnance Factories to Private Sector

3693. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ordnance Factories Board propose to let out some of the section and units in various Ordnance Factories to some private manufacturing units;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any working modalities have been worked out in this regard; and